

ABSTRACT OF INVENTION

A transportable basketball system having components which are
5 arrangeable in a play configuration during which a basketball-related game can
be played, and also in a transport configuration during which said transportable
basketball system can be easily transported between a sand covered outdoor
environment and a remote location. Preferably, the transportable basketball
system comprises a wind-transmissive backboard structure having a backboard
surface disposed substantially within a first plane, bounded by a frame
10 structure, and characterized by a high degree of air permeability (i.e.
transmissivity) across said backboard surface so that air currents, expected on
said covered environment, can pass therethrough with minimal resistance, yet
deflect a lightweight basketball when tossed thereagainst during basketball-
related games. A basketball hoop structure, defining an opening through which
15 a basketball can be passed during basketball-related games, is operably
connected to the wind-transmissive backboard structure. The basketball hoop
structure is generally disposed within a second plane substantially perpendicular
to the first plane when the transportable basketball system is arranged in its
play configuration. A pole assembly, including a plurality of arrangeable pole
20 sections, is provided for supporting the wind-transmissive backboard structure
at a height above the surface of a sand bed located in the sand covered outdoor
environment. A pole anchoring device, driveable beneath the sand bed, is also
provided for supporting the pole assembly in a substantially plumb orientation
during the play configuration.

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